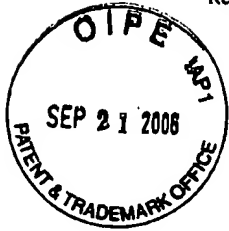


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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 17, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by October 17, 2006, and this paper is being submitted within that time period. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.